February 1, 2022 – Introduced by Senators SMITH, L TAYLOR, JOHNSON, CARPENTER, ROYS, LARSON, BEWLEY, RINGHAND and AGARD, cosponsored by Representatives GYOKE, CONLEY, SNODGRASS, BROSTOFF, EMERSON, BALDEH, HONG, HEBL, DRAKE, ANDRACA, POPE, B. MEYERS, VRIWINIK, CONSIDINE, MILROY, STUBBS, VINING, SPREITZER, HESSELBEIN, ORTIZ-VELEZ, RIEMER, HINTZ, SHANKLAND, SUBECK, S. RODRIGUEZ and BILLINGS. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Local Government.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 79.01 (2d) and 79.035 (5); to repeal and recreate 79.035 (5) (a) and 79.035 (5) (b); and to create 79.01 (2d) (c), 79.01 (2d) (d) and 79.035 (5) (b) of the statutes; relating to: an increase in county and municipal aid.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the amount that each county and municipality annually receives as a county and municipal aid payment. Currently, a county or municipality receives a payment equal to what it received in 2012. The bill increases that amount by 2 percent in 2022 and an additional 2 percent beginning in 2023.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 79.01 (2d) of the statutes is renumbered 79.01 (2d) (intro.) and amended to read:

79.01 (2d) (intro.) There is established an account in the general fund entitled the “County and Municipal Aid Account.” The total amount to be distributed in 2011
to counties and municipalities from the county and municipal aid account is as follows:

(a) In 2011, $824,825,715 and the total amount to be distributed to counties and municipalities in
(b) Beginning in 2012, and in each year thereafter, from the county and municipal aid account is and ending in 2021, $748,075,715.

SECTION 2. 79.01 (2d) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

79.01 (2d) (c) In 2022, $763,137,230.

SECTION 3. 79.01 (2d) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

79.01 (2d) (d) In 2023, and in each year thereafter, $778,499,974.

SECTION 4. 79.035 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 79.035 (5) (a) and amended to read:

79.035 (5) (a) Except as provided in subs. (6), (7), and (8), for the distributions beginning in 2013 and subsequent years ending in 2021, each county and municipality shall receive a payment under this section that is equal to the amount of the payment determined for the county or municipality under this section for 2012.

SECTION 5. 79.035 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2019 Wisconsin Act 19, section 18, and 2021 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

79.035 (5) (a) Except as provided in subs. (7) and (8), for the distributions beginning in 2013 and ending in 2021, each county and municipality shall receive a payment under this section that is equal to the amount of the payment determined for the county or municipality under this section for 2012.

SECTION 6. 79.035 (5) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
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79.035 (5) (b) 1. Except as provided in subs. (6), (7), and (8), for the distribution in 2022, each county and municipality shall receive a payment under this section that is equal to the amount of the payment determined for the county or municipality under this section for 2021, increased by 2 percent.

2. Except as provided in subs. (6), (7), and (8), for the distribution in 2023 and subsequent years, each county and municipality shall receive a payment under this section that is equal to the amount of the payment determined for the county or municipality under this section for 2022, increased by 2 percent.

SECTION 7. 79.035 (5) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2021 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is repealed and recreated to read:

79.035 (5) (b) 1. Except as provided in subs. (7) and (8), for the distribution in 2022, each county and municipality shall receive a payment under this section that is equal to the amount of the payment determined for the county or municipality under this section for 2021, increased by 2 percent.

2. Except as provided in subs. (7) and (8), for the distribution in 2023 and subsequent years, each county and municipality shall receive a payment under this section that is equal to the amount of the payment determined for the county or municipality under this section for 2022, increased by 2 percent.

SECTION 8. Effective date.

(1) COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL AID INCREASE. The repeal and recreation of s. 79.035 (5) (a) and (b) takes effect on June 30, 2036.